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SUBJECT: AFGHAN- IRANIAN RELATIONS: DEMONSTRATION AGAINST
HELMAND WATERS TREATY

REF: KABUL 1653

SUMMARY: LARGE DEMONSTRATION (5000-7000 PEOPLE) HELD AFTERNOON
MARCH 19 AGAINST HELMAND WATERS TREATY. GROUP PARTICIPATING WERE
PARCHAM, AFGHAN MILLET, MOSSAWAT, KHALQ, SADAY- I- AWAM AND
AFGHAN WOMEN' S ORGANIZATION(PARCHAM). ALSO IN ATTENDANCE WERE
STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS FROM KABUL UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIQUE.
MAIN TOPIC WAS DENUNCIATION OF HELMAND TREATY AS SELL OUT TO IRAN.
STRONG CRITICISM LEVELED AGAINST RGA FOR ACTING AGAINST PEOPLE' S
WILL. US ALSO CRITICIZED AS " TORCH BEARER OF INTERNATIONAL
IMPERIALISM." MEETING IS SECOND HELD UNDER BANNER OF " UNITED
FRONT," (FIRST WAS SEPTEMBER 11, 1972, ALSO IN OPPOSITION TO
THEN PROPOSED TREATY). EX- PRIME MINISTER MAIWANDWAL AMONG NOTED
SPEAKERS AT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. APPROXIMATELY 5000-7000 ATTENDED LARGE DEMONSTRATION
AFTERNOON MARCH 19 AGAINST HELMAND TREATY WITH IRAN.
DEMONSTRATION
ORGANIZED BY UNITED FRONT WHICH IS LOOSE COLLECTION OF GROUPS
OPPOSED TO TREATY, AND IS SECOND DEMONSTRATION STAGED BY FRONT.
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(FIRST WAS HELD AGAINST PROPOSED TREATY SEPTEMBER 11, 1972).
PARCHAM, AFGHAN MILLET, MOSSAWAT, KHALQ, SADAY- I- AWAM AND AFGHAN
WOMEN' S ORGANIZATION (PARCHAM) TOOK PART AS WELL AS STUDENTS AND
INSTRUCTORS FROM KABUL UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIQUE. BASIC
THEME WAS OPPOSITION TO TREATY AS SELLOUT TO IRAN. SEVERAL
SPEAKERS MADE CALL FOR UNITY AMONG THOSE OPPOSED TO TREATY.
2. EX- PRIME MINISTER MAIWANDWAL OF MOSSAWAT EMPHASIZED GOVERNMENT
NOT REPRESENTING BEST INTERESTS OF PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN IN
SIGNING TREATY. BECAUSE CABINET NOT YET COMPLETE (SEVERAL
MINISTRIES STILL VACANT: JUSTICE, COMMERCE, PUBLIC HEALTH;
TRIBAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THREE MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO,
DEPUTY PM POSITIONS ALSO VACANT) AND PARLIAMENT NOT YET REACHED
QUORUM, GOVERNMENT HAD NO RIGHT TO CONCLUDE TREATY.

3. BAREQ SHAFAYEE OF PARCHAM STATED THAT INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM
HEADED BY AMERICA CANNOT SCARE AFGHAN PEOPLE AND PARCHAM WILL
DEFEND " PARTY POLICY ABOUT HELMAND TREATY WITH EVERY DROP OF OUR
BLOO
D."

4. JOINING IN OPPOSITION TO TREATY AND GOVERNMENT POLICY WERE
JALALZAI OF AFGHAN MILLET, ZABIBULLAH ESMATI OF STUDENT UNION,
DR. HAIDAR FROM INSTRUCTOR' S UNION, HAFIZULLAH AMIN OF KHALQ,
MAROOF A ESMATI OF SADAY- I- AWAM, MOMINA BASIR OF AFGHAN WOMEN' S
ORGANIZATION AND DR. EHSAN TARAKI FROM KABUL UNIVERSITY.
BOBRAK OF PARCHAM PRESENT BUT DID NOT SPEAK.

6. CROWD MARCHED FROM JADAI MAIWANT TO ZARNIGAR HILL WITHOUT
INCIDENT. POLICE WERE PRESENT BUT DID NOT ATTEMPT INTERFERE
OR BLOCK PEOPLE FROM JOINING CROWD.
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